

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the foreign priority documents.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for reviewing and considering the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 8, 2001. However Applicant notes that the Examiner did not acknowledge the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 21, 2001 and on July 22, 2002, respectively. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge same by providing Applicant with a copy of Form-1449 of each of the two Information Disclosure Statements with his initials next to each reference considered.

Claims 9 and 10 have been added as new claims. Therefore, claims 1-10 are the claims now pending in the application.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. This rejection is traversed as follows.

The Examiner rejected independent claims 1 and 7 on the ground that the term "existing place" recited by those claims is lacking in a specific definition and therefore indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the specification originally filed, the term would have been clear to one of ordinary skill in the art. See for example, not by way of limitation, pages 16-20 of the Specification, especially, for purposes of illustration and not by way of limitation, the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17.

However to expedite the prosecution of the Application, Applicant amends claims 1 and 7 to provide further clarification. These amendments do not constitute narrowing amendments. For at least this reason no estoppel is created.

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 2-6 and 8 are rejected as being dependent from claims 1 and 7, respectively. (Office Action, page 2.) Since the base claims from which claims 2-6 and 8 are now believed to be in a patentable form, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow claims 2-6 and 8.

Applicant has added claims 9 and 10 so as more fully to claim various aspects of Applicant's claimed invention. These claims are believed to be fully supported by the Specification (see for example, not by way of limitation, pages 17-20) and the Drawing, and to be patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

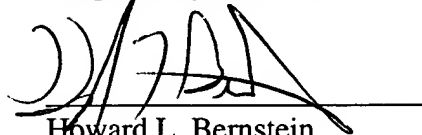
In view of the foregoing discussion, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 2, second full paragraph:

In conjunction with the above description, an information processing system is disclosed in Japanese Laid Open Patent Application (JP-A-Heisei 8-87655). In this information processing system, radio communication is carried out between a provision unit which provides article or a service, a mobile phone ~~each of~~ a users user, and a financial institution with which the user has dealings, so that the user receives the provision of the article or the service and carries out payment ~~with~~for the price of the article or service. The mobile phone is composed of a first request section for requesting the provision of the article or service to the provision unit. The provision unit is composed of a notifying section which notifies the price of the article or service to the mobile phone in response to the request from the first request section. The mobile phone is composed of a second request section which request the settlement processing of the price to the financial institution for user dealings in response to the notice from the notifying section.

Page 3, paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4:

Also, a race ticket purchasing and adjusting system is disclosed in Japanese Laid Open Patent application (JP-A-Heisei 10-40321). The race ticket purchasing and adjusting system is composed of an IC card, a terminal and a management unit which is installed in a race place. The terminal is composed of a card attachment section for a IC card, a communication section

which carries out data communication by the management unit and a public communication network, an input section for inputting the data of a desired race vote ticket, a display section for displaying the data inputted by the input section, data about a relayed image of the race and data of the race sent from the management unit, and data in the IC card, and a selecting section for selecting the image and the data to be requested to the management unit. The management unit is composed of a communication section for carrying out data communication by the terminal and the public communication network, a first camera for picking up the race, a second camera for picking up participation ~~one~~ before the race, and a file section which stores data about the race. The management unit accepts the purchase of the desired race ticket from the terminal and the purchase data is stored in the file section. Electronic money in the IC card is transmitted from the terminal to the management unit to purchase the race ticket. After the race ends, the purchase data of the race ticket in the IC card is transmitted from the terminal to the management unit. When it is confirmed that the purchase data exists in the file section in the center, electronic money for the ~~dividend~~ pay out corresponding to the purchase data is transmitted from the management unit to the terminal and is stored in the IC card.

Page 10, paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11:

A card verification system of the present invention is composed of a card ~~that~~ on which a card identification code is registered. A read unit reads the card identification code from the card. A verification apparatus verifies the card only when an existing place of the read unit belongs to an area corresponding to the card identification code. The card is a card used for settlement, and is used when the card identification code is read by the read unit. The use place

of the card is coincident with the existing place of the read unit. By adding the use place of the card to a verification condition of the card, unjust use of the card can be prevented.

Page 12, second full paragraph:

The card verification method may further include the steps of: deleting the recorded area; and when the area is not recorded in the recorder, prohibiting the settlement. The user of the card can ~~interrupts~~interrupt the use of the card without declaration of the interruption of the card to a card management company. It is desirable that the card is a credit card.

Page 13, paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14:

The mobile phone system 2 is composed of a base station 12, a mobile phone 11 and a switching apparatus 13, and as a typical example, is a system defined in RCR 27. If ~~being~~it is a radio phone system in which it is possible to specify the position of the mobile phone 11, the mobile phone system 2 may be a system other than the system defined in RCR 27 (e.g. PHS system, and so on,). The base station 12 is connected with the switching apparatus 13 and broadcasts notice information repeatedly to the mobile phone 11. A position code is contained in the report information in correspondence to cells of a plurality of base stations or an area composed of a plurality of cells. The mobile phone 11 receives the report information from the base station 12 and recognizes its own position code. The mobile phone 11 transmits a position registration signal to the switching apparatus 13 via the base station 12 through the operation of the mobile phone by the owner and so on. The position registration signal contains a position code and a mobile phone code corresponding to the mobile phone 11. The mobile phone 11 is further composed of a position registration timer and transmits the position registration signal to

the switching apparatus 13 every time the position registration timer times out. Moreover, the mobile phone 11 transmits a position registration cancel signal to the switching apparatus 13 in response to an operation of the mobile phone by the owner.

Page 17, paragraph bridging pages 17 and 18:

The operation of the card verification system of the present invention is composed of a position registration, a position registration cancel, and a card use. The position registration is an operation which registers the position of the mobile phone 11 on the position registration register 14. When the mobile phone owner carries out the operation of the position registration to the mobile phone 11, when a position code is not registered on the mobile phone 11 at the time of the initial stage for turning on, when the position code registered on the mobile phone 11 is not contained in the received notice information, when the network number is changed and ~~home~~roaming is carried out, or when the position registration timer causes the time-out, the position registration is carried out. However, the position registration is not carried out until the operation for the position registration is carried out when the position registration cancellation is carried out by the mobile phone user.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. A card verification system comprising:
a card in which a card identification code is registered;
a read unit which reads said card identification code from said card; and

a verification apparatus which verifies said card only when ~~an existing a place of in~~
which said read unit is located is within an area corresponding to said card identification code.

7. A card verification method using a card verification system which comprises a card that a card identification code is registered, a read unit which reads said card identification code from said card, and a verification apparatus which verifies said card only when ~~an existing a~~ place in which ~~of~~ said read unit is located ~~belonging to~~ corresponds to said card identification code, said method comprising the steps of:

acquiring from said card, ~~an existing the~~ place of said read unit which read said card;
acquiring said area from said recorder;
determining whether or not said ~~existing place of~~ said read unit is in said area;
when said ~~existing place of~~ said read unit does not belong to said area, prohibiting settlement.

Claims 9 and 10 are added as new claims.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

The abstract is changed as follows:

A card verification system ~~is composed of a card~~ in which a card identification code is registered. A read unit reads the card identification code from the card. A verification apparatus verifies the card only when an existing place of the read unit belongs to an area corresponding to the card identification code. The card is a card used for settlement, and is used when the card identification code is read by the read unit. The use place of the card is coincident with the existing place of the read unit. By adding the use place of the card to a verification condition of the card, unjust use of the card can be prevented.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A card verification system in which a card identification code is registered. A read unit reads the card identification code from the card. A verification apparatus verifies the card only when an existing place of the read unit belongs to an area corresponding to the card identification code. The card is a card used for settlement, and is used when the card identification code is read by the read unit. The use place of the card is coincident with the existing place of the read unit. By adding the use place of the card to a verification condition of the card, unjust use of the card can be prevented.